

SCHOOLS.

The Act of 1862, ch. 277, repeals sections 256, 257, 262, 273, 276 and substitutes the following:

SEC. 1. A tax which, in addition to the school fund of Washington county, derived from other sources, may be necessary and sufficient to sustain the public schools thereof nine months in each year, shall be levied annually by the county commissioners on the assessable property of said county, to be collected as other taxes are, and paid over to the board of school commissioners at their order.

2. The legal voters of each school district shall assemble annually at the school house of the district, on such day as the school commissioners shall direct, and elect from the inhabitants thereof three discreet persons, who shall constitute a board of trustees for said school, and shall serve for one year from the date of their election, and until their successors are elected, provided at least fifteen days previous notice in writing, shall be set up in at least three of the most public places in said district, specifying the time and place of such election.

3. They shall admit no child into any of their schools under the age of five years or over the age of seventeen years, unless the usual subscription fee for the desired instruction shall be paid them in advance per quarter, for each quarter; and for such fees, they shall account to the board of school commissioners, to be applied as a part of the school fund.

4. They shall require all parents or guardians of the children attending the schools, between the age of five and seventeen years, to pay the sum of one dollar for each child in advance per quarter, for each quarter such child may attend the same, and account to the board of school commissioners therefor, to be applied as a part of the school fund; *provided*, that whenever in their judgment the parents or guardians are unable to pay, their children shall be admitted free of charge.